EXHIBIT G

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

TRI-STATE DISPOSAL, INC., an)
Illinois corporation,)

Plaintiff,) No. 1:18-cv-02138

-vs-) Judge Sara L. Ellis

THE VILLAGE OF RIVERDALE, a) Magistrate Judge
municipal corporation;) Mary M. Rowland
LAWRENCE L. JACKSON, Mayor of)

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The deposition of JEFF GERMANY, taken pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure of the United States District Courts pertaining to the taking of depositions, taken before STACEY L. PARR, Certified Shorthand Reporter of the State of Illinois, at 11950 South Harlem Avenue, Suite 102, Palos Heights, Illinois, commencing at 2:00 p.m., on March 3, 2020.

the Village of Riverdale,

Defendants.

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           MR. MARK A. LAROSE
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           MS. MARISSA R. ALASKA
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           Suite 2810
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                                                                       A Jeff Germany. J-e-f-f, G-e-r-m-a-n-y.
                 on behalf of the Plaintiff;
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                                                                          MS. BLAKE: All right. Mr. Germany, my name
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                                                                    is Erin Blake. I'm an attorney for the Village of
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           MONTANA & WELCH by
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                                                                    Riverdale. I'm here today to ask you questions
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                                                                    regarding the lawsuit filed by Tri-State against the
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6 8 A Erica. E-r-i-c-a. 1 Q Did you go right from high school to Moraine 1 2 Q Do you have children? 2 or did you take some time off? 3 A No, I went straight through. 3 A Yes. Q How many? 4 Q Do you belong to social media sites? 5 5 A Two. A Yes. 6 O Their names? 6 O Which ones? 7 A Owen and Ellie. 7 A There's probably some that I don't even 8 Q What's your address? 8 remember that I'm part of. MR. LAROSE: We're not going to do that. 9 9 Q Myspace? The same reason as before. I told -- we didn't give A Well, back in the '90s or when we were all 10 10 kids, yes, that was one. Facebook, of course, and 11 her your mom's home address, even though they could 11 probably find it on Google, because of this Bracken 12 anything probably associated with Facebook. 12 13 calling me in the middle of the night. Your mom will 13 Q I don't know what that is. 14 say it was only 9:30, but for me that's the middle of 14 A Instagram, because they all feed into each 15 the night. So we're not going to do that. 15 other. That's about it that I can... BY MS. BLAKE: 16 16 Q Okay. Have you ever posted on social media 17 Q Okay. And you're going to follow your 17 sites regarding this lawsuit? 18 A No. 18 attorney's advice? 19 A Yes. 19 Q Have you ever posted on social media sites regarding your disagreements with the Village of 20 MR. LAROSE: I promise you, for the record, 20 you can get a hold of them through me or at Riverdale's Mayor Jackson? 21 21 22 Tri-State. Okay? 22 A Not that I recall. 23 MS. BLAKE: Okay. 23 Q Have you ever posted on social media sites 24 Just certify it for the record. 24 regarding your problems with the Village of Riverdale 7 9 BY MS. BLAKE: in general? 1 A Not that I recall. 2 Q Did you live at the same address in November 2 3 3 or December of 2017 that you live in now? Q How would I find you on Facebook? 4 4 A Probably not because I'm private. A Yes. 5 5 Q What's your name on Facebook? Q What's your cell phone number and current 6 carrier? 6 A My given name, Jeff Germany. 7 7 MR. LAROSE: Not giving it to you. Same Q Have you ever been a plaintiff in another 8 lawsuit? 8 reason. BY MS. BLAKE: 9 9 10 Q Are you going to follow your attorney's 10 Q Have you ever been named as a defendant in a 11 advice? 11 lawsuit personally? 12 A Not that I recall. 12 A Yes, yes. Q Has Tri-State ever been named as a defendant 13 13 MS. BLAKE: Certify it. 14 14 BY MS. BLAKE: in a lawsuit? 15 Q Was it the same cell phone number and carrier 15 A Not that I recall. 16 in 2017? 16 Q Do you have any felony convictions? 17 A Yes. 17 MR. LAROSE: Not yet. Q What's your highest level of education? THE WITNESS: No, not at this moment. 18 18 19 19 A Associate's in business. BY MS. BLAKE: 20 Q From where? 20 Q Any misdemeanor convictions? 21 A Moraine. 21 A No, not that -- no. 22 Q What year did you obtain the associate's 22 Q Ever convicted of a crime of dishonesty? 23 23 degree? 24 A I don't recall. 24 Q What did you do in preparation for your

10 12 1 deposition today? 1 secretary also, but... 2 A I met with Mark and Marissa yesterday and I 2 Q Okay. When did you move into the office? 3 3 A I don't recall. I mean, that was years ago. went over some documents. 4 Q What documents did you look at? 4 Q What are your job duties and responsibilities 5 5 A I know for a fact we went over the First today? 6 Amended Complaint and a bunch of other exhibits and 6 A All the operational software, IT, pricing, 7 7 bidding. 8 Q Okay. Did you discuss your mom's deposition 8 Q And is your main office at 13903 South 9 9 with her prior to your deposition? Ashland? 10 10 A It was -- all four of us were in the room A Yes. 11 together. We didn't discuss anything but the files. 11 Q Have you worked at any other business since 12 Q I know. Today did you discuss with your mom 12 graduating from high school? 13 her testimony that she just gave? 13 A Not since -- let's see here. Not that I 14 A Oh, no, no. 14 recall from working after high school, no, not -- not 15 Q Okay. Have you kept any notes regarding this 15 that I recall after high school. lawsuit against the Village? 16 16 Q How would you describe Tri-State's business? 17 A Various different things. Most of them are 17 A In what sense? 18 all examples -- or exhibits I mean, exhibits. 18 Q Like if you were just talking to someone you 19 Q Have you kept any personal notes or a diary 19 just met and they asked, oh, what is Tri-State? 20 regarding Tri-State's lawsuit against Riverdale? 20 A It's a full-service waste and recycling 21 21 A No. company. 22 Q Have you discussed this lawsuit with anyone 22 Q Okay. In your role with the company, do you 23 23 other than your attorneys? handle both garbage collection and the transfer 24 A Not that I'm aware of. 24 station? 11 13 1 Q When did you begin working for Tri-State? 1 A Yes. 2 A Just after high school. Q Do you know when the company began operating 3 Q What year was that? 3 in Riverdale? 4 A I've been there probably about 18 to 20 4 A Somewhere around the mid to late '90s. 5 5 years, so let's say 2000. Q Do you know anything about the lawsuit or the dispute in 1999 between the Illinois Environmental 6 Q Okay. 6 7 7 Protection Agency and Tri-State and the Village of A Approximately 2000. 8 Q And when you began working there, what was 8 Riverdale? 9 9 your title? A I'm aware of it. I don't know a lot of it. 10 A I worked in the maintenance shop. 10 Q What's your understanding of it? 11 Q What was the title of the position? 11 A That there was an agreement at the end of it. 12 A There was no title. It was -- I worked in 12 Q Have you reviewed that agreement? 13 13 maintenance. A Yes. Q Do you want to describe the timeline of your 14 14 Q When did you review it? 15 work at Tri-State, like how you moved to different 15 A Not any time recently. 16 positions throughout the years, et cetera? 16 Q Why would you have reviewed it? 17 A I worked in the maintenance shop for years 17 A Well, just different points in there that we 18 until a commercial driver, who was kind of the 18 were looking at. 19 commercial supervisor, got hurt. They needed 19 Q In regards to this lawsuit? 20 somebody to come in the office to help with his role. 20 A No. 21 And from there I stayed in the office and took over 21 Q Okay. 22 the IT and system administrations. 22 A Okay. I would correct that, that we did go 23 23 Q And what's your current title? through it with the exhibits. 24 24 Q Also went -- so you're also saying that you A Operations manager. I'm a corporate

14 16 1 went through the settlement agreement in relation to 1 A No, I don't. 2 this lawsuit because it's one of the exhibits that 2 Q Do you know when Riverdale Recycling stopped 3 you reviewed with Mr. LaRose? 3 operating at 13903 Ashland in Riverdale? 4 A No, I don't. 4 MR. LAROSE: No. 5 Q Did they ever operate on the property when 5 THE WITNESS: We didn't -- we didn't review 6 the exhibit. We didn't review the agreement. 6 you worked there? 7 MR. LAROSE: Can we go off the record for a 7 A Not that I'm aware of. 8 second? Is that okay? 8 Q When you began working on the property, on 9 Ashland, did Tri-State own the property or did 9 MS. BLAKE: Sure. 10 Riverdale Recycling? 10 (A brief recess was taken.) MS. BLAKE: What was my last question? A I have no idea. I would -- I have no idea 11 11 12 (Record read back as requested.) 12 exactly who did. 13 MS. BLAKE: Strike that question. 13 Q Okay. Do you know how the property at 13903 14 BY MS. BLAKE: 14 Ashland had been used prior to Tri-State starting Q Have you reviewed this -- the settlement 15 15 business there? agreement in relation to this lawsuit? 16 16 A I don't know how it was used. I have an idea A Yes. 17 that it was just vacant land. 17 Q Okay. Did you -- in your role at Tri-State, 18 18 Q Okay. 19 did you ever interact with Riverdale Recycling? 19 MR. LAROSE: Just answer the question. 20 20 BY MS. BLAKE: Q Did you have anything to do with purchasing Q Had it ever been operated as a transfer 21 21 22 the property from Riverdale Recycling in 2005? 22 station, to your knowledge? 23 23 A I was there in 2005. A No. 24 Q Did you have anything to do with Tri-State's 24 Q And Tri-State is still operating a transfer 15 17 purchase of the property from Riverdale Recycling in station in Riverdale, correct? 1 2 that year? 2 3 3 A Not -- how far in depth, I mean? Q Do you deal with pricing related to the 4 Q I don't know. You'd have to tell me. 4 transfer station? 5 5 A Yeah, I don't recall any of that. I mean, I A Yes. 6 don't recall any of that. I know I was at the 6 Q Okay. Does the transfer station still 7 operate in accordance with the settlement agreement 7 closing, and that was about it. Q Okay. Do you know the owner of Riverdale 8 that we discussed? 8 9 Recycling? 9 A Yes. 10 A I know the family. 10 Q Do you know the total number of employees at 11 Q What family is that? 11 Tri-State? A Well, it was the Pruim family or daughters 12 12 A Not exact. An estimate. Q What's your estimate? 13 of. 13 14 MR. LAROSE: P-r-u-i-m. 14 A Between about 45 and 50. 15 BY MS. BLAKE: 15 Q Is that the same number of employees that 16 Q And do you know the Pruim family personally? 16 Tri-State had in 2018? 17 17 A I'm unsure. Q And is that because your dad worked for 18 18 Q Do you know how many garbage collection Mr. Pruim? 19 clients Tri-State has? 19 A Anything I would give would be an estimate. 20 A Yes, that is correct. 20 21 Q Is there any family relationship there? 21 Are you looking for commercial or residential? 22 22 Q I'd take either. A No. 23 A Residential is four municipalities, with a 23 Q Okay. Do you know if Riverdale Recycling is total of about 12 or -- 10 to 15 thousand residents 24 still operating? 24

20 18 1 total, and commercial would be around 3,000. 1 Q The very first one. 2 Q Who are the four municipalities? 2 A Sometime -- it was -- this is a rough -- this 3 A I'm sorry. It's down to three now because we 3 is not an exact date. Somewhere in the late 2000s --4 have since severed with Riverdale, so there's only 4 or late 2002 I believe it was because it's roughly 17 5 5 three municipalities. years we had it. 6 Q Okay. Marionette Park, Thornton --6 Q Okay. You said late 2000s and then you said 7 A Marionette Park, Thornton, and Robbins. 7 2002 and then you said 17 years. 8 Q Okay. Do you have anything to do with filing 8 A Well, yeah, it was -- it was -- it was around tax returns for Tri-State? 9 2002 when it was our initial. 9 Q Okay. Do you know who was the mayor of 10 A I don't do any of the paperwork, no, but I 10 11 think I do sign as secretary. 11 Riverdale in 2002? Q Do you know the annual gross income that was 12 12 A No, I don't. 13 reported by Tri-State in 2017? 13 Q Was that contract bid for by your company? 14 A Anything I would give would be a rough 14 A I believe so. 15 15 Q Do you know how long that initial contract estimate. Q What is your rough estimate of the annual 16 16 lasted? 17 gross income in 2017? 17 A I believe that contract was five years, the 18 MR. LAROSE: You know, don't guess. We're 18 initial one. 19 not going to guess at that. 19 Q After five years did you have to rebid for 20 THE WITNESS: No. I don't know. 20 the contract? 21 BY MS. BLAKE: 21 A Yes, we put another proposal out. 22 Q You don't know or you don't want to guess? 22 Q So you won another contract in about 2007? 23 A I don't want to guess. 23 A Yes. Well, no, it would be after that. 24 Q Okay. Do you know an approximate estimate 24 Well, yeah, I'm sorry. Yes, a five-year term, yes, 19 21 for the annual gross income on Tri-State's taxes in around 2007, 2008. 1 1 2 2018? 2 Q Okay. And then the next contract with the 3 3 A No. Village -- well, do you know how long that contract 4 Q Do you know what amount of gross income was 4 was, I'm sorry, in 2007 or 2008? 5 generated by Tri-State through their garbage A I believe the first two were five years each, 5 6 collection contract with the Village of Riverdale in 6 and I believe the second one was the seven-year 7 7 2017? 8 8 A An estimate would be somewhere in the 60 to Q All right. So in 2002 you entered into a 9 \$65,000 per month, then you annualize that. 9 contract for five years, that brings us to 2007 or 10 Q Was that the same amount in 2018? 10 2008, then you rebid the project, won it, and entered 11 A I would say so because, if anything, it would 11 into another contract for five years? go up with escalators. 12 A Uh-huh, and I believe we did an early -- I 12 believe there was something done, we -- we were --13 Q Okay. 13 14 A So it's usually around, you know, with small 14 something, and made it a new contract in 2012-ish. 15 escalators, somewhere in that range. 15 Q Okay. We previously marked as Exhibit B to 16 Q Okay. And then the same in 2019, with small 16 Sheryl Germany's deposition the contract between the escalators? 17 Village and Tri-State that was signed in 2012. 17 18 A Yes. 18 Do you see that there in front of 19 19 Q Are the escalators drafted in the contract? you? 20 A Yes. 20 A Yes. 21 Q Do you know when Tri-State's garbage 21 Q Okay. And that contract was for exclusive --22 collection contract was initially executed with the 22 the exclusive right to collect garbage in residential 23 units within the Village from 8-1-12 through 7-31-19, 23 Village of Riverdale? A Which one?

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22 24 1 A Yes. that property, for the majority of your time at 1 2 Q And Tri-State agreed to provide certain Tri-State the property was vacant? municipal services to the Village at no additional 3 A Yes. cost to the Village, correct? Q Are you aware of any type of business that 4 5 5 Tri-State did or does with Fritz Enterprises? A Yes. 6 Q Do you agree that Tri-State did not receive 6 A No, I'm not. 7 any additional income from the services it agreed to 7 Q Did you -- I should say Tri-State. Did 8 provide to Riverdale in Section 13 of that contract? 8 Tri-State ever oppose Fritz' operation at 1201 West Q MR. LAROSE: Page 5. 9 138th Street? THE WITNESS: Yes, yes, there was no extra A I'm not aware of anything. 10 10 charges for this under Section 13. 11 11 O When you worked at Tri-State, were you 12 BY MS. BLAKE: involved in any business relationship with Huron 12 Valley Steel Corporation? 13 Q Okay. Did that contract allow the Village to 13 14 cancel its contract with Tri-State with 90-days' 14 A Not that I recall off the top of my head. Q Do you know if Tri-State ever opposed Huron's 15 15 A I'd have to find the term. operation at 1201 West 138th Street? 16 16 17 O Page 3. 17 A Not that I'm aware of. 18 A Yes. 18 Q Are you aware of any opposition Tri-State 19 Q Before 2002 do you know what company provided 19 voiced relating to the operation of businesses at garbage collection services to the Village of 1201 West 138th Street prior to Riverdale Materials 20 20 Riverdale? purchasing that property? 21 21 22 A I believe it was Allied Waste, Republic 22 A Not that I'm aware of. 23 Services, whichever name they went under at the time. 23 Q Do you know Charlie Fritz? A Not personally. I just spoke with him the 24 Q And is Allied Waste or Republic Services a 24 23 25 competitor of Tri-State? 1 first time ever on Friday. 2 Q And what did you speak about with him? A Yes. 2 3 Q And do you know how long they had provided 3 A Scrap metal. garbage collection services to the Village before 4 4 Q What about scrap metal did you talk to 5 Tri-State won the bid in 2002? 5 Charlie Fritz about? 6 A No. 6 A I have somebody that needs his services, and 7 Q Is there -- prior to Riverdale Materials 7 I just told him -- I was connecting the two. beginning operations in Riverdale, was there any 8 8 Q Okay. What kind of service does Mr. Fritz other transfer station open or operating in Riverdale 9 provide? 9 since you have been working for Tri-State? 10 10 MR. LAROSE: See what happens when you 11 A No, not that I'm aware of. 11 volunteer information? Three more questions that are 12 Q During your company's time in Riverdale, are 12 totally irrelevant. Answer the question. you familiar with how the property at 1201 West 138th 13 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry? 13 14 Street was operated? 14 BY MS. BLAKE: 15 That's the property where Riverdale 15 Q What services does Mr. Fritz provide? Materials is located now. 16 16 A Some type of scrap processing. 17 A During what time period? 17 Q How did you get his name? Q Since you've been with Tri-State and working 18 A Through my father. 18 in Riverdale, are you familiar with how that property 19 19 Q Did you have any involvement in the purchase 20 was operated? 20 of a retention pond near 1201 West 138th Street? 21 A It was closed shortly -- you know, a few 21 22 years into my career at Tri-State. It was a scrap 22 Q Did you know that Tri-State was purchasing a 23 yard of some sort. 23 retention pond adjacent to Riverdale Materials' 24 Q So prior to Riverdale Materials purchasing 24 property?

26 28 1 1 please. A Yes. 2 Q Do you know where that pond is located in 2 THE WITNESS: It would be Sheryl. She would relation to Tri-State's property? 3 3 be the only one. 4 A Yes. 4 MR. LAROSE: You assumed a minute ago and 5 now all of a sudden you know. 5 O Where is it? 6 A North of it. 6 BY MS. BLAKE: 7 Q You would agree that the pond is not adjacent 7 Q Did Tri-State purchase contaminated land when 8 to Tri-State's property on 139th and Ashland, 8 they purchased the retention pond? 9 9 A I'm unaware of that. correct? 10 Q Does the pond generate income for your 10 A Yes. 11 Q Do you know what the purchase price was of 11 business? the retention pond? 12 12 A No. Q Do you use the pond at all in relation to 13 13 14 Q Do you know what the estimated value of the Tri-State's business? 14 15 retention pond was? 15 A No. 16 A No. 16 Q Do you know anything regarding the taxes that Q Do you know what had to be paid in order to 17 need to be paid on the pond? 17 purchase that retention pond by Tri-State? 18 18 A No. A No. 19 19 Q When did you become aware that Riverdale 20 Materials would be applying for a conditional use in 20 Q Do you know when it was purchased? the Village to operate a transfer station? 21 A No. 21 22 Q Did Tri-State own the retention pond in 2017? 22 A Upon public notice. 23 Q What public notice are you referring to? 23 A I don't know. 24 Q Okay. Did you understand that the complaint 24 A The one that was in the paper. 27 29 Q Did you attend any meetings, prior to that in this case alleged that Riverdale Materials' site 1 had a substantial adverse affect on the retention notice going out, with the mayor regarding --2 3 3 pond? A Yes. 4 A Not that I recall. 4 MR. LAROSE: Let her finish, please. 5 THE WITNESS: Sorry. Q Did you believe that the retention pond was 5 BY MS. BLAKE: 6 negatively impacted by Riverdale Materials? 6 7 A There's a possibility. Q Okay. So you attended meetings with the 7 8 mayor and your mother prior to there being public Q Did that possibility impact Tri-State's 8 9 notice that Riverdale Materials was coming or 9 decision to purchase the retention pond? 10 A Yes. 10 potentially coming to Riverdale, correct? 11 Q In what way? 11 A Yes. A To protect the environment. 12 Q Okay. So public notice wasn't the first time 12 Q Were you involved in retaining a firm by the 13 that you received notice that Riverdale Materials had 13 planned to come to the Village, correct? 14 name of I-N-G-N -- G-E-N-G-E to perform a site 14 15 investigation at the pond? 15 A But you said about waste transfer, though. 16 A Me personally have any involvement in that, 16 Q Pardon me? 17 17 A Didn't you -- didn't your question say about no. 18 waste transfer or what he was doing, what they were 18 Q Okay. Who at Tri-State was involved in 19 retaining that firm to perform a site investigation 19 planning on doing? 20 at the pond? 20 MR. LAROSE: It kind of did, so let's not 21 A I would assume Sheryl. 21 get in a pissing match over it. 22 Q Your mom? 22 BY MS. BLAKE: 23 Q Okay. I don't understand the distinction 23 A Yes. 24 you're trying to make, but... 24 MR. LAROSE: Don't assume and don't guess,

30 32 1 MR. LAROSE: Your question was when's the 1 Village, correct? 2 first time that they had notice of the waste 2 A From what I understand, ves. transfer, and they had no notice of that until they 3 Q Okay. But the public notice is what you were 3 referring to as being the first time you were aware read it in the paper. Riverdale Materials was not 4 5 that they were potentially doing this municipal solid 5 supposed to be doing that. That's -- I think that's 6 the distinction he's trying to make. 6 waste transfer station, correct? 7 THE WITNESS: Yes. 7 A That's correct. 8 MS. BLAKE: Okay. 8 Q Okay. Prior to that your discussions with 9 the mayor had just been about them doing street 9 BY MS. BLAKE: 10 sweepings and C and D collection? 10 Q What did you understand Riverdale Materials 11 would be doing in the Village of Lansing if they 11 A Yes. 12 bought 1201 West 138th Street? 12 Q Okay. Did you know Jim Bracken prior to him 13 MR. LAROSE: Riverdale. 13 starting business in Riverdale? 14 14 MS. BLAKE: What did I say, Lansing? A I've met him on probably two occasions. 15 Q And where did you run into him? 15 MR. LAROSE: Lansing. 16 MS. BLAKE: Sorry. 16 A The one time that comes to mind is an outing 17 MR. LAROSE: That's okay. 17 with Waste Management. THE WITNESS: There was rumors that -- well, 18 Q Did you consider his company Brackenbox to be 18 19 after -- you know, that they bought it and that 19 a competitor of Tri-State? 20 20 that's what they were buying it for, so we raised A Yes. concerns with the mayor. 21 Q And were you aware that Brackenbox operated a 21 22 22 transfer station in Markham? BY MS. BLAKE: A A C and D site, not a transfer station. 23 Q Okay. So during your meetings in 2016 when 23 24 you were talking to the mayor and I know in one 24 Q Okay. So you were aware that Brackenbox 31 33 meeting Mr. Gonzalez was there, what were you told 1 operated a C and D site in Markham? 1 2 Riverdale Materials would be doing in the Village? 2 A Yes. 3 A They said that they were going to operate a 3 Q Did you participate in a conference call with 4 C and D site and try and take street sweepings. 4 Jim Bracken after the initial zoning hearing relating 5 Q Okay. And is a C and D site a transfer 5 to his request for conditional use in Riverdale in station? 6 6 September of 2017? 7 7 A No. A I have never had a phone call with Jim 8 Q Okay. And that's a construction and 8 Bracken. 9 demolition site? 9 MR. LAROSE: I have. 10 A Yes. 10 BY MS. BLAKE: Q Okay. So the new information you received in 11 11 Q Have you ever texted with Jim Bracken? 12 the public notice was that they would be also 12 A No. 13 operating a transfer station? 13 Q Have you ever e-mailed with Jim Bracken? 14 A Yes. 14 A Not that I recall. 15 Q What's -- describe to me a transfer station 15 Q Okay. After learning in September of 2017 16 in like laymen's terms, like you were going to 16 that Riverdale Materials had withdrawn its request to 17 describe it to your neighbor. 17 operate as a municipal solid waste transfer station 18 A Facility where you can accept municipal solid 18 in the Village, did you still consider Riverdale 19 waste, and it's the midpoint from it being collected 19 Materials' operation at the site to be competitive to 20 on the street to going to the landfill for final 20 Tri-State? 21 destination. 21 A Yes. 22 Q Okay. Now I understand. Eventually 22 Q With what aspect of your business would 23 Riverdale Materials withdrew their request to operate 23 Riverdale Materials be competing? 24 a municipal solid waste transfer station in the A We do the same, construction and demolition 24

34 36 1 debris. 1 A Only in relation to their operation? 2 Q Any other aspect of your business that is the 2 3 same as Riverdale Materials other than the 3 A No, not to their rate. Q Did you personally attend any zoning board 4 construction and demo debris? 4 5 hearings in 2017 wherein Riverdale Materials' 5 A Dumpsters. I mean, that was from the sister 6 company. 6 conditional use was being discussed? 7 Q Okay. But dumpsters is Brackenbox? 7 A No, I did not. 8 A Yes. 8 Q Why not? 9 9 A I've got a family. Sheryl was handling all Q Okay. And they were already competing with Tri-State before they entered Riverdale in that 10 10 that. 11 regard, correct? 11 Q So you had family obligations that didn't allow you to have time to attend the meetings? 12 A Yes. 12 13 Q Okay. And they were also competing with 13 14 Tri-State in the construction and demo debris 14 Q Okay. Did you attend any Village board meetings wherein Riverdale Materials' conditional use 15 business in Markham, correct? 15 was discussed? 16 A Yes. 16 17 Q How did them moving into Riverdale -- did it 17 A I know there was one, not a zoning meeting. 18 increase that competition? 18 There was just one meeting ever that I went to about 19 A It would have. 19 something, and I don't recall what it was. 20 Q Okay. What other companies does Tri-State 20 Q Okay. Did you have any conversations with consider to be competitors? the mayor regarding your or Tri-State's opposition to 21 21 22 A All other companies in the same industry that 22 granting Riverdale Materials a conditional use to 23 operate in the Village? provide the same services. Do you need specifics? 23 A Myself, no; but at Tri-State it was voiced 24 Q Yeah, please. 24 37 35 1 A Anything from Waste Management to Republic 1 through Sheryl. Services, Homewood Disposal, and various others. 2 Q Were you present for any conversations your 3 Q Were you opposed to Riverdale Materials 3 mom had with the mayor regarding Tri-State's 4 operating in Riverdale? 4 opposition to Riverdale Materials? 5 5 A I'm sorry? A No. Q Were you opposed to Riverdale Materials 6 6 Q Have you had any conversations with Jerome 7 operating in Riverdale? 7 Russell regarding Tri-State's opposition to Riverdale 8 A Yes. 8 Materials? 9 Q Why? 9 A No. 10 A Unfair playing ground. 10 Q Have you had any conversations with Dave 11 Q Had Tri-State ever attempted to purchase 1201 11 Gonzalez regarding Tri-State's opposition to 12 West 138th Street for business operations? Riverdale Materials or anything regarding this 12 13 A Not that I'm aware of. 13 lawsuit? Q With Riverdale Materials coming into the 14 14 A Hold on. Go back to that conversation about 15 Village of Riverdale, does Tri-State continue to 15 the mayor. Yes, we did in the mayor's office with operate as a garbage collection service? 16 16 him and Dave Gonzalez together. 17 A Yes. 17 Q Okay. So you were present for one Q And then you also continue to operate your 18 18 conversation --19 transfer station business, correct? 19 A Yes. 20 20 Q -- between the mayor and your mom, Dave 21 Q As a sole result of the operation of 21 Gonzalez was also present? 22 Riverdale Materials in Riverdale, has Tri-State had 22 A Yes. 23 to increase prices to consumers in relation to its 23 Q When was that? transfer station? 24 A Sometime -- I believe it was sometime in

38 40 1 2017, end of 2017. 1 A It was Sheryl -- it was -- Welch was there, 2 MR. LAROSE: Don't guess because you're off 2 the mayor and Sheryl and I. You know what, let me 3 3 correct that. I don't know if it was Sheryl or our by a year. 4 tax appeal guy at the time. I know myself, Welch, 4 THE WITNESS: Why? Was -- I haven't -- it's 5 because there was -- I don't know -- I don't recall 5 in the exhibit. 6 MR. LAROSE: Have her show it to you. 6 if Dan ever went to that meeting or not, on the 7 THE WITNESS: Because it was my calendar, 7 September one. 8 8 Q Who's the tax appeal guy? SO... 9 9 BY MS. BLAKE: A Dan Skirp, Skirpans (phonetic). Q What exhibit are you referring to that would 10 Q Okay. And then you met again with the mayor, 10 help refresh your memory regarding the year the Mr. Gonzalez and your mother in December of 2016? 11 11 12 meeting occurred? 12 A Yes. 13 A Whatever --13 Q So both of those two meetings, what was --14 MR. LAROSE: Are these the same things? Can 14 well, let's just start with the September meeting. What was discussed in that meeting? 15 I show one of these to Erin? 15 A We were looking for tax help on our property 16 MS. ALASKA: It's not the same thing. 16 17 THE WITNESS: It's whatever calendar that I 17 taxes. 18 shared. 18 Q What was the specific issue? I don't know 19 MR. LAROSE: Here. I'll show it to you 19 what it was. I wasn't -- I wasn't here at that time. 20 first. This one is different than that one. Look at 20 I have no idea. A Just if there was any way we could get 21 those two. 21 22 MS. BLAKE: I can't read either of them, but 22 relief, some sort of help. 23 they are TS_2857 and TS -- sorry, they're both --23 Q And what was the conclusion or how did the 24 MS. ALASKA: You have one page. Swap one 24 meeting end, we'll look into it or we can do this? 39 41 page. 1 A Pretty much open ended, they'd look into it 1 2 and get back to us. 2 MS. BLAKE: TS 02857 and TS-02858 are 3 Q Okay. Riverdale Materials was not discussed 3 terrible photocopies of a Tri-State calendar. 4 THE WITNESS: Well, it's a -- it's a Google 4 during the September 2016 meeting? 5 5 A No. calendar. Q Okay. Then in December of 2016, what was 6 BY MS. BLAKE: 6 7 discussed during that meeting? 7 O Okav. A But, yes, I do -- I do recall this, that it 8 A That's the time when it was discussed of what 8 9 they were planning on doing there. 9 10 10 Q Okay. So these calendar pages show that you Q Just tell me what you remember being 11 met with the mayor and Mr. Gonzalez in September of 11 discussed in that meeting. 12 A If they were going to have to follow the same 12 13 guidelines that we do, posting the bond, cleanup 13 A And I believe there's even e-mail 14 bond, pay royalties. 14 correspondence. 15 MR. LAROSE: Just listen to the question and 15 Q So did you request this meeting or did the Village request this meeting with you? 16 answer the question. 16 17 BY MS. BLAKE: 17 A We requested it with them. Q And did you request this meeting after Q Did you e-mail again -- I'm sorry, did you 18 18 hearing that Riverdale Materials may be coming to the 19 meet again in December of 2016? 19 Village? 20 A That was the meeting that we were all at. 20 21 Q Okay. So was there also a meeting in 21 22 September of 2016? 22 Q Who did you hear from that Riverdale 23 Materials might be coming to the Village? 23 A Yes, there was. Q Who was that meeting between? 24 A Rumors in the industry. 24

42 44 1 Q Okay. Who told you the specific rumor that 1 for Riverdale Materials? 2 Riverdale Materials was coming to Riverdale? 2 A No. 3 3 Q If Riverdale Materials would have obtained A I don't recall. 4 Q Okay. So is it fair to say you requested the 4 proper permits and authorizations and have been meeting and you wanted to inform the Village that you 5 5 required to post securities and pay royalties, would expected Riverdale Materials to be required to abide 6 6 Tri-State have had an objection to the Village's 7 by the same requirements that Tri-State had with the 7 granting of their conditional use? 8 Village pursuant to the settlement agreement? 8 A Just royalties and... 9 9 A We were doing research on -- to make sure it Q I'll ask it a different way. 10 would be a fair playing field. 10 If Riverdale Materials would have 11 Q Okay. Was anything said about the 11 obtained the proper permits and authorizations and 12 environmental condition of the property during that 12 been required to operate in a manner similar to 13 December 2016 meeting? 13 Tri-State, as stated in their settlement agreement, 14 A Not that I recall. 14 would Tri-State still have had an objection to the Q Have you ever been involved in any zoning 15 15 Village's granting of the conditional use? hearings in the Village? 16 16 A Most likely not. 17 A Not that I recall. Not the Village -- not in 17 Q Do you know if Riverdale Materials has the 18 the Village of Riverdale. 18 proper permits and authorizations? 19 Q What zoning hearings have you been involved 19 A I'm unaware. 20 in outside of Riverdale? 20 Q Do you know what Riverdale Materials pays to 21 A One in Dixmoor. 21 the Village in terms of their operations? 22 Q What was that regarding? 22 A No. 23 A Personal property. 23 Q Do you know why Tri-State ultimately decided 24 Q Okay. Are you aware of any -- are you aware 24 to issue public statements regarding Riverdale 43 45 1 of any prior instances wherein the Village retaliated 1 Materials' application for a conditional use? against independent contractors working within 2 A Yes. They were worried about the 2 3 3 Riverdale based on their objections to Village environment, the neighborhood, you know, not being a 4 decisions or Village zoning decisions? 4 level playing field. 5 5 A From the past or are we talking about... Q Was the first time Tri-State started talking 6 Q Excluding your -- your allegation. Excluding 6 about their environmental concerns when they started Tri-State's allegations, are you aware of any other 7 speaking publicly about their opposition to Riverdale 7 instances where the Village has done something 8 Materials? 8 9 9 similar to another contractor? A I'm sorry, repeat that. 10 10 Q Was the first time that Tri-State began A Not that I'm aware of. Q Are you aware of any prior instances wherein 11 11 speaking about their environmental concerns at the Mayor Jackson retaliated against independent 12 property when they were speaking publicly about their 12 contractors working in the Village based on their 13 opposition to Riverdale Materials operating in 13 14 14 objections to Village zoning decisions? Riverdale? 15 A Not that I'm aware of. 15 A So the first time that they spoke out you're 16 Q Were there any instances wherein Tri-State 16 asking is at the meetings about... 17 did not support Mayor Jackson's leadership or 17 Q I don't know the first time they spoke out, decisions relating to the Village prior to the 18 actually. Let's start over. 18 19 Village's decision to provide a conditional use to 19 Do you know when Tri-State first 20 Riverdale Materials? 20 spoke out publicly regarding their opposition to 21 A Can you repeat that? 21 Riverdale Materials' conditional use request? 22 Q Did you ever disagree with Mayor Jackson's 22 A It believe it was at zoning meetings. 23 23 leadership or his decisionmaking in the Village prior Q Okay. And prior to the zoning meetings, did to your disagreement regarding the conditional use 24 Tri-State express their environmental concerns to 24

46 48 1 anyone? 1 A Well, what may be on the site or what is on 2 A Not -- not that I'm aware of. 2 3 Q Okay. What environmental concerns do you 3 Q Okay. So was it more about materials -have relating to Riverdale Materials' property at 4 4 hazardous materials being processed at that site? 1201 West 138th Street? 5 5 A Not being processed because that's not what 6 A That there's not proper drainage, as we have. 6 they were looking to do there. It's the site itself. 7 7 Q Okay. So Riverdale Materials wasn't seeking Plus, there's also reports that there's not some 8 savory things that have been put there and placed 8 to deal with hazardous waste, correct? 9 9 there. A From my understanding, no. 10 Q Okay. So Tri-State's criticism was that --10 Q What do you mean by that? 11 A I don't know. It's in the report, I guess. 11 was what about hazardous waste? 12 Q What report are you referring to? 12 A About the site being... 13 A Well, isn't it in the packet regarding it 13 Q About the site containing hazardous waste? 14 being used as a scrap yard in the past, about the 14 A Yes, again, an environmental issue. 15 15 Q Was there ever any allegations that the site Q Are you referring to the lawsuit in 1962 that on which Tri-State operates contains hazardous waste? 16 16 17 describes the property? 17 A Not that I'm aware of. 18 A I'm guessing, yes. 18 Q Okay. And so the second criticism regarding 19 Q Or are you referring to the report that the 19 the already contaminated state of the proposed 20 company whom your mom retained did relating to the 20 Riverdale Materials' site is that same criticism, retention pond? 21 21 correct? 22 A I would say the Fritz deal. 22 A I would assume so, ves. 23 23 Q Okay. Q And then Tri-State also criticized allowing Riverdale Materials to operate there because of 24 MR. LAROSE: The '62 deal? 24 47 49 THE WITNESS: Yeah, the '62 deal. 1 1 stormwater runoff and drainage? 2 MR. LAROSE: Okav. 2 A Yes. 3 3 THE WITNESS: I'm going to take a break and Q What was that criticism about? 4 go to the bathroom, though, real quick. 4 A You're supposed to have retention ponds. 5 MS. BLAKE: Okay. 5 Q Why did you think that they were supposed to 6 (A brief recess was taken.) 6 have a retention pond? 7 7 BY MS. BLAKE: A Because of the size of the property and what 8 8 Q All right. I'm going to show you what was they planned on doing. 9 9 previously marked as Exhibit D to Sheryl Germany's Q Did you believe that it was within 10 deposition. It's the Second Amended Complaint. 10 Tri-State's knowledge to know what properties in the Village require stormwater drainage and runoff, or is 11 So on page 10 of that complaint, 11 12 paragraph 58, it lists the criticisms that Tri-State 12 that the decisionmaking for like a governmental 13 issued publicly against Mayor Jackson's 13 agency? administration as it relates to Riverdale Materials. 14 14 A You would assume it would be a governmental 15 Do you see those? 15 agency. 16 16 Q Okay. Do you understand that MWRD makes 17 Q What criticisms did Tri-State have regarding 17 decisions regarding --18 hazardous waste? 18 A Yes. 19 19 Q -- stormwater runoff and drainage? A Being properly handled. 20 Q Were you under the impression that Riverdale MR. LAROSE: Let her finish -- let her 20 21 Materials would not handle hazardous waste correctly? 21 finish the question, please. 22 A Who's to know? 22 BY MS. BLAKE: 23 Q Is that what your criticism was, that 23 Q Do you understand that the MWRD makes 24 Riverdale Materials wouldn't handle it correctly? 24 decisions regarding stormwater runoff and drainage at

50 52 1 properties in the Village? 1 takes C and D, takes MSW, yard waste, tires. It's 2 A Yes. 2 all materials that come across. 3 O Did Tri-State not believe that MWRD would 3 Q Okay. And so you are criticizing the Village because they had initially agreed in your private 4 make the appropriate decisions in regard to that 4 5 5 site? meeting to require Riverdale Materials to pay equal 6 A That I'm not sure of. 6 or greater royalties than Tri-State and that that was 7 Q The criticisms about the lack of any 7 not going to be the case any longer? 8 financial security required by the Village to be 8 A Yes. 9 posted by Riverdale Materials, what does that entail? 9 Q And how did you know that wasn't going to be A Well, a cleanup bond and a surety bond. 10 10 the case any longer? 11 Q I understand the first one is a cleanup bond. 11 A From the things that they were reporting on 12 What was the second one you said? 12 from the meetings. 13 A Well, a cleanup bond would be pretty much the 13 Q And how would Riverdale Materials not paying 14 same thing, so that way -- for anything left on-site 14 the same or greater royalties affect Tri-State? 15 if they were ever to close. 15 A Put them at more of a competitive advantage Q When Tri-State began operating in the 16 16 over us. 17 Village, were they required to post a cleanup bond? 17 Q You also -- the complaint also lists that 18 A That I'm unaware of. Tri-State voiced criticisms about how Riverdale 18 19 Q Okay. In regards to criticisms about the 19 Materials' site would cause a decline in adjoining 20 lack of any requirements that Riverdale Materials pay property values. Where did that information come 20 any royalties to the Village, what did those 21 21 from? 22 criticisms entail? 22 A That -- based on environmental issues. 23 A Well, I know that the meeting we had with 23 Q Has -- do you know whether or not adjoining 24 Dave Gonzalez and Mayor Jackson, it was relayed to us 24 property values have declined? 51 53 that they would pay equal to or greater than the 1 A Not that I'm aware of. 1 royalties paid by Tri-State to the Village. 2 Q The complaint also lists that Tri-State 2 3 voiced criticisms about there being no need for an 3 Q And who made that comment, the mayor or 4 Mr. Gonzalez? 4 additional waste transfer station in Riverdale. 5 5 Can you talk to me about your A It was the mayor. knowledge of those criticisms? 6 Q Okay. And was that after you requested that 6 7 A That there's not enough volume to necessitate 7 the Village do that? 8 8 A No, we -- we had stated that we wanted to one. 9 9 make sure it's a fair playing field and that, you Q Where is the next nearest transfer station? 10 know, all the things that we have to follow through 10 A There's one right around 103rd and Doty, one 11 with... 11 in Homewood, and one in Crestwood. 12 12 Q And the location operated by Brackenbox in Q Okay. Explain to me how you paid the Village royalties, like what that amount is or what the 13 Markham is not a transfer station? 13 14 A It's a C and D site. 14 percentage is, how often it was paid, things like 15 that. I don't know, so I'm trying to learn. 15 Q Okay. The complaint also lists criticisms by Tri-State about Mayor Jackson stacking the deck with 16 A It's paid per every ton that comes across our 16 17 17 the planning commission and zoning board of appeals. scale. 18 Q Okay. What was that criticism relating to? 18 19 19 A From my understanding, the board was not A It's a flat fee, so many cents per ton, paid 20 20 fully complete. 21 Q And so the royalties relate to the transfer 21 Q Any other understanding about that? 22 22 A Yes, there was one member of the board on station? 23 23 there that their term had expired and they stayed on A Yes. For the whole operation, though. It takes C and D, everything. The transfer station 24 there for a while after their term had expired, and 24

54 56 when they found out that they were against the 1 Q Why? 2 proposed plan of Riverdale Materials, they were 2 A Because there was concerns there and they 3 replaced, yet they were voluntarily staying on. 3 didn't really care to hear people's concerns. And it Q Okay. Did you talk to any members of the 4 wasn't just Tri-State. There was, I guess, residents 4 zoning board in Riverdale regarding Tri-State's 5 too that were concerned about it too. The one that I 5 6 opposition to Riverdale Materials? 6 do know was the ex-mayor. 7 A I myself, no. 7 Q And who's the ex-mayor? 8 Q Did your mom speak to anyone on the Riverdale 8 A What was it? Deyon Dean I think his name is. zoning board regarding Tri-State's opposition to Q Was it your understanding that the Village 9 9 10 heard your criticisms and complaints? 10 Riverdale Materials? A Yes, it was my understanding. 11 A Not -- I'm sure she had, but I don't know 11 12 who. 12 Q Okay. Was it your understanding that they 13 Q Okay. 13 just -- sorry. Strike that. 14 MR. LAROSE: You're guessing? 14 So you understood the Village at least heard your criticisms, correct? 15 THE WITNESS: I'm guessing. 15 MR. LAROSE: Please don't do that. Okay? A Yes. 16 16 If you know, tell her you know. If you don't know, 17 Q Okay. And your complaint in paragraph 73, 17 which is page 14, Tri-State lists actions by Mayor tell her you don't know. 18 18 19 BY MS. BLAKE: 19 Jackson that Tri-State believes were in retaliation 20 for those public criticisms relating to Riverdale 20 Q Did you know any members of the zoning board 21 21 of appeals? Materials. 22 A No. 22 And one of those retaliatory actions 23 23 Q The complaint also lists Tri-State's was soliciting competitors for the spring cleanup, 24 criticisms about improper procedures used at the 24 even though this was part of Tri-State's existing 55 57 public hearings. 1 contract, and then failing to cooperate with 2 Tri-State to schedule and conduct a spring cleanup, 2 And I don't think that's an issue any as provided in Tri-State's contract, and instead 3 3 longer in the lawsuit, that's why I'm going to skip 4 that question. 4 bidding it to someone else. Do you see that? 5 5 And then in regards to various other 6 Q Okay. And do you understand that this 6 criticisms, we covered that in your mom's dep. 7 occurred in 2018? 7 So did Tri-State continue to provide garbage collection services to the Village of 8 A Yes. 8 9 Q Did you provide -- did Tri-State provide the Riverdale through the end of its contract term 10 despite Tri-State's public criticisms relating to 10 spring cleanup in 2019? 11 Riverdale Materials? 11 A Yes. 12 Q Was the spring cleanup a free service 12 A Yes. 13 provided by Tri-State? 13 Q And to this date, Tri-State continues to 14 14 operate a business in Riverdale, correct? A It was included in our contract. Q You and your mom had the same exact answer to 15 15 A Yes. 16 Q And Tri-State also continues to pursue this 16 that one. lawsuit against the Village and the mayor, correct? 17 MR. LAROSE: Because it's the right answer. 17 MS. BLAKE: Can you even believe it? 18 18 A Yes. MR. LAROSE: I'm not sure what you don't Q Okay. The Village eventually granted a 19 19 20 understand. It's included as part of the bid, so 20 conditional use to Riverdale Materials despite your 21 objections. 21 it's not free. 22 Did you consider this to be a Village 22 MS. BLAKE: I was just making a joke. We've 23 23 action against Tri-State? been here for hours. 24 MR. LAROSE: I know. 24 A Yes.

58 60 1 MS. BLAKE: And it is the truth, they had 1 A That is correct. 2 the same exact words. 2 O Okay. 3 MR. LAROSE: I got it. I got it. And they 3 A Neither by phone or e-mail. 4 weren't even coached on that one. 4 Q Were you informed by your attorney -- and MS. BLAKE: Sure. 5 5 this is just yes or no. I'm not asking for details 6 MR. LAROSE: That was a joke. We have been 6 of the conversation -- that Tri-State was requested 7 here for hours. Sorry I'm even talking, so we can 7 to schedule the 2018 spring cleanup with the Village 8 8 get out of here quicker. on May 23rd, 2018? 9 BY MS. BLAKE: 9 A Yes, I was aware. Q Did the Village have to pay Tri-State any 10 Q And did Tri-State perform that cleanup in May 10 additional compensation to provide the spring 11 11 of 2018? 12 cleanup? 12 A No, because one was already performed. A No. 13 13 Q Did Tri-State -- I'm sorry, you answered 14 Q How did not providing this service negatively 14 that. Tri-State did perform the spring cleanup in 15 impact Tri-State? 15 2019, right? A Well, it hurt -- it hurt our reputation. I 16 16 A Yes. 17 mean, we had -- it made us look incompetent. 17 Q Did not performing the spring cleanup in 2018 18 Residents were used to calling our office and asking 18 deter Tri-State from speaking out against the mayor 19 specifics regarding it, but we had no information to 19 or continuing to pursue this lawsuit? 20 give them. We had to constantly refer them to call 20 A Not deter, no. the Village Hall. And I know at times the Village 21 Q Why do you believe the inability to perform 21 22 Hall got overwhelmed with phone calls. 22 the free spring cleanup in 2018 was in retaliation 23 Q In your role within Tri-State, who did you 23 for your public criticisms of the Riverdale 24 generally have the most communication with, if 24 Materials' conditional use of approval months 59 61 1 anyone, in the Village? earlier? 1 2 A In the past or... 2 A I believe they hurt our reputation. 3 3 Q Right. MR. LAROSE: That's not what she asked. 4 A In the past it would always be whoever was 4 Listen to the question. 5 5 the Public Works director. BY MS. BLAKE: 6 Q Okay. And like what -- what relationship did 6 Q Why do you believe the inability to perform 7 you have with the Public Works director, what would 7 the spring cleanup in 2018 was in retaliation for 8 you guys generally communicate about? 8 Tri-State's criticisms of the Riverdale Materials' 9 A If they needed special services above and 9 conditional use approval? 10 beyond the scope of the contract. 10 A Say that again. 11 Q So if there was a special event and they 11 Q Why do you believe the inability to perform 12 needed extra dumpsters or something like that? 12 the free spring cleanup in 2018 was in retaliation A Or had a business that was foreclosed on that for your public criticisms of the Riverdale 13 13 14 14 had sat there and it was a public nuisance, they'd Materials' conditional use approval? 15 have us clean it up or whatnot, you know. Extra 15 A Why it was in retaliation? 16 debris and vacant lots, if they didn't do it, you 16 Q Do you believe it was retaliation? 17 know, and they needed just a couple things picked up, 17 A Yes. we would do it for them, stuff of that nature. Q Why? 18 18 19 Q Okay. Did you coordinate the spring cleanup 19 A Because they wanted to hurt our reputation usually with the Public Works Department? 20 20 with the residents. 21 A Yes, I did. 21 Q And that's your subjective belief? 22 Q Okay. And in 2018 you weren't able to get a 22 A Yes. response from Public Works regarding the scheduling 23 23 Q Do you have any objective information that 24 of the spring cleanup? this was retaliation? 24

62 64 1 A Just by the timeline of how it fit in 1 contracted to perform for the Village, was it? 2 2 3 Q What specific damage has Tri-State suffered 3 Q Okay. So in May, late May, when you were asked to perform -- Tri-State was asked to perform 4 4 as a result of the mayor's alleged denial to allow 5 the cleanup, Tri-State decided not to perform the 5 Tri-State to perform a spring cleanup in 2018? 6 A Alleged damages you said? 6 cleanup, correct? 7 Q Yeah, or, you know, what -- how has Tri-State 7 A Yes. 8 suffered because they didn't perform the May -- I'm 8 Q Okay. If Tri-State had decided to perform 9 the May 2018 cleanup at the request of the Village, 9 sorry, the 2018 spring cleanup? 10 do you think that they would have been given a chance 10 A We were not given a chance on future work at the RFP for garbage collection? 11 within the Village. 11 12 Q What business did you lose specifically 12 A No. 13 because you weren't allowed to do the spring cleanup 13 Q Okay. Another retaliatory action Tri-State 14 in 2018? 14 alleges against Mayor Jackson is that he issued a 15 letter falsely stating that Tri-State representatives 15 A I believe that we weren't invited for the -had harassed the mayor and his staff, and that was a 16 we weren't given a chance at the RFP. 16 Q For the Village of Riverdale's garbage 17 letter that was received April 25th of 2018. 17 Are you familiar with Mayor Jackson's collection? 18 18 19 A Yes. 19 letter of that date? 20 20 Q If you had performed the spring cleanup as A Yes, I am. requested in May of 2018, do you believe that you Q Okay. And that letter was sent well after 21 21 22 would have been given a chance at an RFP for the 22 the conditional use had been granted to Riverdale 23 Materials by the Village board, correct? 23 garbage collection services? MR. LAROSE: Objection to the form. They 24 24 A Yes. 63 65 1 were never requested to do the spring cleanup until 1 Q Did the Village ever complain about 2 after it was already done. Tri-State's services before 4-25-18? 3 BY MS. BLAKE: 3 A No. 4 Q Did you do the spring cleanup in May of 2018? 4 Q Why did Tri-State consider this a false 5 5 letter? Q Did you do the spring cleanup -- did 6 6 A Because there was nobody harassing -- we were 7 Tri-State do the spring cleanup as contemplated in 7 calling for payment at that time. The mayor even 8 their contract? 8 gave us his personal cell phone number for any issues 9 9 regarding payments and that. A For 2018? 10 Q For 2018. 10 Q Who was calling for payment? 11 A No. 11 A Kathy Bohse. 12 Q Okay. 12 Q Did Mayor Jackson's April 2018 letter deter 13 A Because we were never given a day, and there 13 Tri-State from speaking out against the mayor or 14 14 continuing to pursue this lawsuit? was no correspondence to set up a mutually agreed 15 upon day to have the cleanup. 15 A No. 16 Q But then in May of 2018, when the Village 16 Q Do you believe this letter was retaliation 17 said, please perform the cleanup, you decided, no, 17 for your public criticisms of the Riverdale because you believed subjectively that another 18 Materials' conditional use approval? 18 19 company had already done the cleanup? 19 A Yes. A There was -- there was already a flier out 20 20 Q Why? 21 that -- that they had a cleanup on May 5th. 21 A Because it fits in the timeline of us 22 Q That wasn't your company, correct? 22 objecting, and we never had problems in the past with 23 23 A No, it wasn't. anybody else in the Village. 24 Q That wasn't the spring cleanup that you 24 Q What timeline of objecting are you referring

66 68 1 to because the conditional use had been granted like 1 been late in paying invoices? 2 in November of 2017 and this letter came at the end 2 A No, not really. 3 of April 2018? 3 Q What do you mean by not really? A We -- we allowed them, you know -- they were 4 A Because we had a good working relationship up 4 5 within standards. until things starting happening with that property 5 O What are standards? 6 and we started questioning things; and things that we 6 7 7 A 30, 40 days, sometimes 45, depending on mail. questioned, you know, and the answers we were given, 8 did not, you know, mesh up with what was being sought 8 Q And so in the time that Riverdale had a 9 9 after by Riverdale Materials. And then that's when contract with Tri-State, they always paid within 40 10 we voiced our opinions, our criticisms. 10 days until after this issue with Riverdale Materials? 11 Q So did you consider every action after you 11 A That is correct. 12 began to voice criticisms against Riverdale Materials 12 Q Okay. Do you know of any other Riverdale 13 to be retaliatory? 13 contractors that were not being paid on time in 2018 14 MR. LAROSE: Only those in paragraph 73 14 and 2019? 15 because that's what we've alleged. 15 A No, not that I'm aware of. MS. BLAKE: Are you testifying? 16 16 Q If you became aware of other Riverdale 17 MR. LAROSE: I'd like to. 17 contractors that weren't being paid on time in 2018 18 MS. BLAKE: I'm sure you would. 18 and 2019, would that change your assumption regarding the retaliatory nature of the delays in your 19 Can you repeat my question? 19 20 20 (Record read back as requested.) payments? THE WITNESS: Yes, everything that was 21 21 A Depending on the severity of them. 22 22 Q Okay. Also in your complaint you state that stated. 23 BY MS. BLAKE: 23 Mayor Jackson was retaliatory by failing and refusing 24 Q Okay. 24 to pay invoices that the Village was obligated to pay 69 67 1 A In the amended complaint. to Tri-State, which amounted to more than \$260,000 1 Q Why wasn't this letter just taken as a 2 for the months of January, February, March, and April customer complaint? 3 3 of 2018, and to date amounts to more than \$199,000 4 A Because how can you do business with a 4 for the months of February, March and April of 2019, 5 5 customer if you cease communications and only go by despite a demand by Tri-State that these delinquent 6 e-mail? It hindered our job. It hindered our 6 amounts be paid, correct? 7 7 ability to do our job effectively and efficiently and A Yes. 8 8 thoroughly and in a full capacity that the residents Q Okay. 9 had come to expect out of us. 9 A And it only got worse from there. 10 Q Do you believe filing a lawsuit against the 10 Q And what do you mean by that? 11 Village hindered your ability to do your job 11 A It got farther and farther delayed as time 12 effectively and efficiently for the Village? 12 13 A Just filing our lawsuit? 13 Q So as of today -- or as of yesterday, 14 Q Yes. 14 Riverdale paid their final invoice to Tri-State, 15 A No. 15 correct? 16 Q Not at all, huh? 16 A They paid July's invoice, but we believe that 17 A No, because we still -- we still operated 17 there's still interest due. 18 under the terms of our agreement. 18 Q Right. I was trying to make that distinction 19 Q Okay. Did you have anything to do with 19 because I already talked to your mom about this, so I 20 invoicing the Village or collecting payments from the 20 will restate it differently. 21 Village? 21 The last outstanding invoice for 22 A I did a little bit of both. I did all the 22 services from July of 2019 was paid by the Village 23 23 invoicing. yesterday? 24 Q Prior to April of 2018, had the Village ever 24 A Yes.

70 72 1 Q But Tri-State believes that there still may 1 hard. 2 be outstanding interest owed by the Village, but 2 Q Did you ever discuss Riverdale property tax 3 hasn't billed the Village for that interest yet, 3 collections with anyone in the Village as a reason 4 correct? 4 for a delay in payments? 5 5 A There was something made note of that, but A That is correct. 6 Q What amount of interest are you under the 6 that was -- no, no. I correct that. The only tax 7 impression will be charged to Riverdale? 7 collection was about to see where they would be about 8 A We're still calculating that. We're looking 8 helping us reduce our taxes, not about payments. 9 9 Q Were your property taxes ever decreased? into that. Q And are you charging them interest based on 10 A Not with the help of the mayor or anybody 10 11 some contract you had with the Village? 11 from the Village. 12 A Industry standard of 1.5 percent a month. 12 Q Were your property taxes ever decreased? 13 13 A They fluctuate yearly. I don't -- I don't 14 A In which they've paid in the past. 14 know the actual dollars and cents of the property 15 Q When did they pay the monthly five percent 15 taxes. I don't see them, but we do appeal them every (sic) per month in the past? 16 16 A On other past due bills. 17 Q Have they gone down after 2016? 17 Q So if you're getting -- if you're getting 18 A I have not had any information on that. 18 19 paid 1.5 percent --19 Q Okay. Why do you believe that the late 20 payment was in response to Tri-State's actions in 20 MS. BLAKE: If you're going to coach him, take a break. All the whispering and stuff is 2017 relating to Riverdale Materials? 21 21 22 totally distracting to me. 22 A Why were the late payments -- can you please 23 23 MR. LAROSE: I'm sorry. say that again? 24 MS. BLAKE: That's okay. 24 Q Why do you believe that the delayed payments 71 73 MR. LAROSE: I didn't even realize I was 1 from the Village was a response to Tri-State's 1 2 doing it. actions in 2017 relating to Riverdale Materials? 2 3 BY MS. BLAKE: 3 A They were trying to hurt us economically. 4 Q Okay. 1.5 percent a month was paid in the 4 Q In your opinion? past by the Village for other past due bills. 5 5 A In my opinion, yes. If you expect them to pay the 1.5 6 6 Q Did it hurt you economically? 7 percent for their last outstanding bills, what other 7 A Yeah, we --8 damage does Tri-State have based on the delay in 8 Q You, Tri-State? 9 these payments? 9 A Yes, we had to watch everything we did. 10 A It causes a ripple effect in the business. 10 Q Is that -- is there any accounting detail or 11 It hinders what growth you can have, you know, 11 any list of, you know, itemizing what damages you 12 especially -- that doesn't cover our offset. We incurred because of this monetarily? 12 13 still had to pay our labor, our disposal costs, all 13 A We'd have to come up with that, if -- if it's 14 14 of our major overhead, and who knows even how long even calculatable. 15 that could have gone on, let alone if we would have 15 Q Okay. Did the late payments deter Tri-State 16 ever been paid. 16 from speaking out against the mayor or continuing to 17 Q Do you charge 1.5 percent per month for past 17 pursue this lawsuit? 18 due payments from other clients? 18 A No, it didn't deter us. 19 A Yes. 19 Q Okay. The complaint at paragraph 135 alleges Q Okay. And did those late payments from other 20 20 that the Village breached its contract with Tri-State 21 clients also cause a ripple effect which hinders your 21 by failing to pay Tri-State for invoices that we've 22 growth? 22 previously discussed. 23 23 A Yes, but they're not nowhere near the MR. LAROSE: I'm sorry, Erin, what paragraph severity; being our largest single contract, it was 24 24 again?

74 76 1 MS. BLAKE: 135. 1 due to its competitive disadvantage? 2 BY MS. BLAKE: 2 A Not currently. 3 Q If you are going to look into that, what 3 Q And as testified to earlier, there's would you look at? currently no outstanding payments other than some 4 5 A Volumes year over year. 5 potential interest that you may charge them; is that 6 correct? 6 Q And that would only, then, be volumes of 7 7 construction and demolition debris because --A That is correct. 8 Q You also allege that the Village breached its 8 A Well --9 contract with Tri-State by failing to cooperate with 9 Q -- that is the only similarity in your Tri-State to schedule and conduct the spring cleanup 10 10 business? 11 as provided in Tri-State's contract, correct? 11 A Well, but, now, that also plays into us 12 A Yes. 12 losing the contract, doesn't it? By them moving 13 Q Okay. And we've discussed everything -- do 13 forward with this, though, it ended up us costing our you have anything else to say about the spring 14 contract too, though. 14 Q That's -- that's your belief? 15 cleanup that you think is relevant to the breach of 15 contract claim? 16 16 A Yeah. 17 17 Q Yeah. But your contract was up with the A No. 18 18 Village, correct? MR. LAROSE: Can I coach him on that one? 19 MS. BLAKE: No. 19 A Yes. BY MS. BLAKE: 20 20 Q So you would look at volumes and then also Q Are you alleging that Tri-State breached its point to the -- the loss of the Village contract. Is 21 21 22 contract in any other respects? 22 that what you're saying? A Yes. 23 A You mean the Village of Riverdale breached 23 24 their contract? 24 Q And so the volumes you would look at would 75 77 1 MS. BLAKE: I'm sorry, yes. I'm losing 1 relate to C and D? 2 speed. 2 A Or whatever that they would be allowed to THE WITNESS: No, I don't. 3 3 accept. 4 BY MS. BLAKE: 4 Q What income have you lost based on Q All right. In paragraph 118 of your 5 environmental issues at Riverdale Materials' site? 5 complaint, Tri-State alleges that it has and will 6 6 A I don't have a number. 7 continue to suffer damages by loss of income through 7 Q Is there a number? unequal treatment and competitive disadvantage. 8 8 A There's a number for everything. Could be. Q How would you come about finding that number? 9 What evidence do you have of loss of 9 10 income based on Riverdale's approval of a conditional 10 A I don't know. I haven't talked to the right use to Riverdale Materials in 2017 as it relates to 11 11 people yet. 12 competitive disadvantage? 12 Q If you were losing income due to the 13 A Because they don't have all the same 13 environmental problems at Riverdale Materials' site, do you believe that you would have purchased the 14 guidelines to follow. For instance, they didn't have 14 15 to put up a surety bond, the cleanup bond, whatever 15 retention pond? 16 you want to call it. They don't have to pay a host 16 Your complaint alleges that you, 17 fee, which we do. It helps them with their 17 Tri-State, has suffered some kind of harm based on 18 competitive advantage against us, where they can be 18 the environmental condition at 1201 West 138th 19 cheaper. 19 Street. 20 Q Do you know that they're cheaper than 20 A Okav. 21 Tri-State? 21 Q Do you agree? 22 A I don't know what their pricing is. 22 A That Tri-State? 23 Q Do you have any itemization of damages 23 Q Yes. It's paragraph 118. 24 relating to the loss of income Tri-State has suffered 24 A Yeah. No, I know. Is this in regards to

78 80 what was going on there previously and the state of 1 1 A Yes. 2 the property as it was or to what they were going to 2 Q Okay. Did you receive or review any do operating there? correspondence that the Village sent out to their 3 4 4 Q I have no idea what your complaint means. residents regarding that new contract for garbage 5 5 It's just -disposal services? 6 A Yeah. 6 A Correspondence as in what? Brochures, 7 7 fliers, mailers, the ordinance? Q What's your understanding of that allegation? 8 A Yes, there would be environmental damage. 8 Q Any or all. 9 Q What environmental damage caused harm to 9 A Very basic little things. I think I believe 10 10 Tri-State's business? I saw a brochure at one time. 11 What environmental damage at 1201 11 Q That was issued by the Village or by Flood 12 West 138th Street caused any harm or damage to 12 Brothers? 13 Tri-State? 13 A By Flood Brothers. 14 A That I'm unaware of. 14 Q Okay. 15 Q Have you ever approached the Village seeking 15 A Just an informational. to schedule a settlement conference in relation to Q Did you object to Flood Brothers being 16 16 this case? 17 granted the garbage collection services contract with 17 A No. 18 the Village? 18 19 Q What is your dad's role at Tri-State? 19 A Well, it was like a no-bid contract. There A He's the vice president. 20 20 was no RFP given to us, even though we were 21 Q What are his job duties? 21 encouraged in the past to bid it, yet we were never 22 A Anything from being a driver to operating 22 given anything, so how do we know anything about it? 23 machinery to being a mechanic to delivering garbage 23 Besides that, here is the new contract -- somebody 24 24 else got the service and we're out. 79 81 1 Q Okay. Is he knowledgeable about the 1 And there was other things written into the contract or a new ordinance passed that they 2 allegations in this lawsuit? 3 3 A I would say no. then took away any -- the ability to service any of 4 Q Has your dad been involved in any discussions 4 our customers that we had service agreements on for 5 with anyone at the Village regarding the issues in apartment buildings or condo buildings. 5 6 this lawsuit? 6 Q And you're unaware of the legalities behind 7 that decision? You never saw any documentation about 7 A No, not that I'm aware of. Q Do you know if your dad has talked to Jim 8 the basis for those decisions? 8 9 9 Bracken regarding the issues in this lawsuit? A No. 10 A Not that I'm aware of. 10 MS. BLAKE: Okay. Give me one second. 11 Q When the Village -- sorry, strike that. 11 Okay. That's all I have. 12 When your contract was up with the 12 MR. LAROSE: I've just got a couple things. Village in July of 2019, your mom mentioned that the 13 **EXAMINATION** 13 14 BY MR. LAROSE: 14 Village entered into an exclusive contract with their 15 next garbage collection provider. 15 Q I think you told Erin that you didn't think 16 Are you aware of that exclusive 16 you had privately addressed environmental concerns in 17 contract? 17 your meeting with the mayor and Gonzalez, but in that 18 meeting did you or did you not discuss the closure or 18 A Yes. 19 19 financial assurance bond? Q Okay. What's your understanding of that 20 20 A Yes, we did. 21 A That it was definitely more lucrative than 21 Q Okay. What's the purpose under your 22 the previous contracts. 22 understanding for a closure or a financial assurance 23 23 bond? Q It's definitely more lucrative to Flood 24 24 Brothers than your contract was with the Village? A Well, it is for cleanup of the site when the

82 84 1 site is closed, you know, anything that is left on 1 E, which is the ordinance. Take a few minutes and 2 the site to be cleaned up and remediated back to what 2 page through there and tell me if the ordinance 3 requires them to pay any royalties or to post any 3 it was. 4 Q Or not even close, what if somebody just closure bond. 4 5 5 abandons it? Do you see anything in there about 6 A Or, yeah, or abandons it. 6 paying royalties or posting bond? 7 Q Okay. And that's the bond that you have? 7 A No, I do not. 8 A Yes. 8 MR. LAROSE: Okay. Stacey, can we mark this 9 9 Q Okay. So you did discuss with the mayor, at as G? least to this extent, environmental concerns? 10 (J. Germany Deposition Exhibit G was marked for 10 11 MS. BLAKE: Object to form. 11 identification.) 12 THE WITNESS: Yes. 12 BY MR. LAROSE: Q When Erin was asking you questions and you 13 BY MR. LAROSE: 13 14 said you coordinated with Public Works, that's not 14 Q So the site was already a bad and the only person or entity within the Village that you 15 contaminated site going back to the '50s and '60s, 15 tried to coordinate with; you tried to coordinate 16 right? 16 A From the best of my knowledge, yes. 17 with the mayor too, right? 17 Q Okay. Was it your concern or Tri-State's 18 18 A Yes. 19 concern that the waste operations to be conducted by 19 Q Okay. When we look at what I've handed you as Exhibit G, the first part of it is an e-mail to 20 Riverdale Materials would just make it worse? 20 MS. BLAKE: Object to form. Russell, trying to set up the spring cleanup. 21 21 22 BY MR. LAROSE: 22 MS. BLAKE: I'm not looking at the same 23 23 thing. I have a December e-mail. Q Answer the question. 24 A Yes, there was a possibility. 24 MR. LAROSE: I'm sorry. You're not looking 83 85 1 Q Okay. Do you have a retention pond at 1 at the same thing because I didn't give you the right 2 Tri-State Disposal? 2 thing. I'm sorry. 3 BY MR. LAROSE: 3 A Yes, we have two, one on the west side, one 4 on the east side of the property. 4 Q The first part of Exhibit G is an e-mail 5 Q Okay. So you have some knowledge as to when to -- a Friday, March 16th, e-mail to Mr. Russell at 5 6 retention ponds are used or not used, required or not 6 the Village trying to set up the spring cleanup. 7 7 required, correct? Did you ever get any response to 8 that? 8 A Some, a little bit. 9 Q And you were aware that Riverdale Materials 9 A No. 10 didn't have a retention pond, even though their site 10 Q Prior to that, had you tried to call the 11 was several acres, correct? 11 Village? 12 12 A Yes. A Yes, I did, myself. Q And who did you try to talk to? 13 Q The ordinance that we've marked as Exhibit E, 13 14 and I'm going to direct you to Section 4, 4, required 14 A I left messages with the Public Works, the 15 Riverdale Materials to submit a stormwater plan for 15 person answering the phone at Public Works. 16 review by the Village engineer. 16 Q Did you ever get any response to that? 17 Do you know if that ever happened? 17 A No. 18 A Not to my knowledge. 18 Q So then you didn't get any response, and on 19 19 the bottom part of Exhibit G is a follow-up to the Q There was some questioning, and I'm losing 20 steam too, I think it was of both of you, it was 20 mayor on March 20th, trying to set up the spring 21 definitely of your mom, of how do you know what 21 cleanup, copied to a bunch of people at the Village? 22 they're paying or how do you know that they're not 22 A Yeah. 23 paying royalties or that they don't have a bond. 23 Q Did you ever get any response to that? 24 I'm going to hand you again Exhibit 24 A Not a single one.

86 88 Q And wasn't the spring cleanup by contract to 1 do this? 1 2 occur at the students' spring break in April? 2 A No. 3 3 A Yes. Q Okay. All the things that you went over with Erin in paragraph 73, the retaliation, why did you 4 Q Not on May 23rd? 4 5 think it was retaliation was her questions, and you 5 A No. 6 Q Or May 5th? 6 kind of seemed to me like dodged the question a 7 7 little bit, saying it's because they hated us or A No. 8 O It was about --8 whatever. 9 9 A It would be on a mutually agreed upon day. Isn't it a fact that all of those 10 things were retaliation because until you complained 10 Q Right. 11 A It would not be on anything but an offer day 11 none of that had ever occurred? between both of us that would work. 12 MS. BLAKE: Object to form. 12 13 Q And until after this May 5th spring cleanup 13 THE WITNESS: That's correct. We've had by another contractor occurred, you never heard 14 good working relationships with multiple 14 15 anything from anybody at the Village of Riverdale 15 administrations. requesting you to do this? 16 16 BY MR. LAROSE: 17 A No. 17 Q So you had good working relationships, even with Jackson's administration, before the criticisms, 18 Q And it was only after we complained that you 18 19 didn't let us do this, that Erin Blake sent me a 19 right? letter saying, hey, we'd be happy for you to do this, 20 20 A Yes. after it had already occurred, right? 21 21 Q You got paid relatively on time? 22 A Yes. 22 A Oh, yeah. 23 Q And that was the basis of your -- Tri-State's 23 Q 30 to 45 days? 24 decision not to do it. What, are we idiots? It was 24 A Yes. 87 89 1 already done. We're not wasting our time. Right? 1 Q You were always allowed to communicate with 2 A That's correct. the Village with no restrictions? 2 3 Q Just so we get this in the record --3 A Yes. 4 A Yeah, it wasn't -- I mean, it wasn't even 4 Q You were always allowed and, in fact, 5 5 asked if -- I don't think it was even asked like if coordinated the spring cleanup and did the spring 6 it would work for us. I mean, it was like you can do 6 cleanup, correct? 7 7 it on this day. A Every year. Q Right. 8 8 Q And it wasn't until after you criticized 9 A In a sense. 9 them, that all this stuff went down? 10 MR. LAROSE: Let's make this H and I. 10 A That is correct. 11 (J. Germany Deposition Exhibits H and I were 11 Q Okay. Erin didn't ask you in paragraph 73 12 marked for identification.) about the other acts of retaliation. I did go over 12 13 BY MR. LAROSE: it with your mom. I think that's when we all took a 13 14 Q Okay. So just for information purposes and 14 Tylenol, but the -- I'm going to show you what's been 15 to put them in the record, H and I are -- H is the 15 marked as Exhibit C. flier regarding the May 5th cleanup by another 16 16 Are you familiar with Exhibit C? 17 contractor, and I is some poster close to the Village 17 A Yes. Hall with respect to the same thing, correct? 18 18 O What is Exhibit C? 19 A Yes, that is correct. 19 A It was a notice to us that they were going to 20 Q And is that how you knew it was being 20 put -- put their waste -- their garbage service 21 conducted by somebody else? 21 contract out for bid and that they would like us to 22 A Yes. 22 participate in the bid process. 23 Q You were never called and said, hey, we're 23 Q When this letter came through at the time 24 thinking about somebody else, but do you guys want to that it did, during this -- these public hearings and 24

90 92 your criticisms and stuff, how did you interpret it? 1 telling you that they're going to RFP it or RFQ it or 2 A Myself, I consider it a scare tactic. 2 have a bid process and have your involvement; that's 3 3 Q Okay. It says that they encourage you to kind of dropped off the table, right? 4 participate in the bid process, but, in fact, there 4 A Yes. 5 5 was never any bid process? Q Okay. So you never were able to bid this 6 A That is correct. 6 process? 7 7 Q You weren't allowed to participate in A No. 8 anything with respect to the next contract? 8 Q Okay. As a result of not bidding it, what 9 9 A That is correct. was the economic effect on you, realizing that 10 Q Not too long after that, on 4-18-18, you 10 there's no guarantee that you were going to get the 11 received Exhibit F, or your mom did? 11 bid, but certainly realizing that you think you would 12 A Can we go back to Exhibit C for a second? 12 have been competitive? 13 Q Sure. What do you want to tell us about 13 A Well, the economic impact of just the 14 Exhibit C? 14 standard service contract at its then current state 15 A Never once have I seen something state that 15 was, you know, 60 to \$65,000 per month. 16 it was going out for bid almost -- almost two years 16 O For how long? before the termination of their current contract, 17 A And that contract was a seven-year contract 17 18 at that point. It was from 2012 to 2019. 18 their current agreement, never once. 19 Q How does that usually work in your experience 19 Q What would you have expected the contract to 20 with other municipalities or even previously with 20 be for the term of the contract if you were allowed 21 Riverdale? 21 to bid it and you were awarded the contract? 22 A Riverdale, we've never had really an issue 22 A Most likely five years, 60 months, that same 23 with in the past. We would always go to them and 23 industry standard. 24 stating that -- or they'd come to us stating that the 24 Q And then when Flood Brothers got the no-bid 91 93 1 contract was up -- you know, coming up and what could 1 contract, other changes were made to the way refuse 2 we do going forward? And we'd come to a mutually 2 was picked up in the Village of Riverdale? 3 3 A That is correct. The standard contract agreed upon deal and we'd continue service without 4 lapse. 4 called for single- and two-unit dwellings to be 5 5 Q Let me stop you right there. Those would serviced under the current contract. Going forward 6 have all been renewals of existing contracts? 6 they wrote a new ordinance that the new hauler was 7 7 then able to take over all multi-family units, 8 Q When you got the original contract, your 8 apartment buildings, condo buildings, and, therefore, 9 understanding was that that was a bid deal? 9 we lost all of that business as well, which was 6 to 10 A Yes. 10 \$8,000 per month. And we had individual contracts 11 Q Go ahead. Finish --11 with the building owners or management companies or 12 A They usually -- they usually -- RFPs or 12 whatnot. 13 notices go out anywhere from three to six months 13 MR. LAROSE: That's all I have. 14 14 FURTHER EXAMINATION before a contract, you know, is to start; and for 15 this to go out almost two years in advance is unheard 15 BY MS. BLAKE: 16 of. 16 Q All right. Looking at Exhibit G, that is the 17 Q Okay. So then let's go to F, the 4-18-18 17 e-mail chain from March of 2018 regarding the spring 18 notice that they are not going to renew your contract 18 cleanup, on March 20th, who are all the other people 19 and not extend it; that happens a year and a couple 19 in the Village of Riverdale that you copied on this of months anyway before the term of that. Did you 20 20 e-mail regarding the spring cleanup? 21 look at Exhibit F? 21 A I believe those are all the same people that 22 A Yes, I did. 22 are copied on the previous e-mail. I think that's 23 23 Q Okay. So the -- they're telling you that all the -- you know what, I believe that's all the

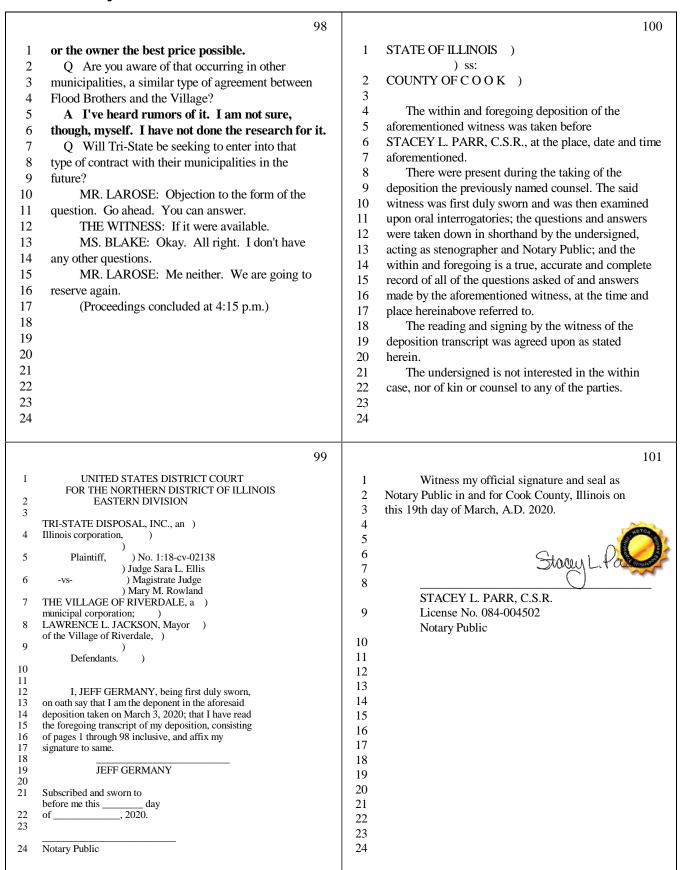
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they're not going to renew, but now they're not

94 96 1 Q Okay. And had you ever --1 Q Okay. And do all your contracts with 2 A -- at the current time. 2 municipalities have termination dates? Q Had you ever communicated with the trustees 3 A Yes. regarding your business in Riverdale prior to this 4 4 Q And do any of those contracts guarantee that 5 date? 5 you will be the next service provider for garbage 6 A No. 6 collection services? 7 Q Why did you add all the trustees to your 7 A Here. Let's go back to that termination 8 e-mail? 8 date. Yes, there is a termination date, but there 9 9 A Because at that time nobody was responding, has to be written notice of it, otherwise, they have 10 10 you think somebody would. one-year extensions, two one-year extensions. 11 Q So you would hope that someone would respond 11 Q Okay. And if a municipality provides notice 12 by adding the trustees to your e-mail? 12 that they're going to end their contract with 13 A Yeah, so they make them aware that -- that we 13 Tri-State, there's no guarantee that Tri-State will 14 are trying to do our job and fulfill our contract. 14 get the subsequent contract with that municipality, 15 Q Okay. And do you understand the board of 15 fair? trustees to be the ultimate decisionmakers regarding 16 16 A That is correct. 17 contracts in the Village? Q So you could not expect to receive the 17 18 A Yes, I know that they're one of. 18 contract in Riverdale after July of 2019, correct? 19 Q Okay. 19 A That is correct, but not given a chance to 20 20 A I know the mayor's final decision is his bid on it... signature on the contract. 21 21 Q Your chances were decreased, is that --22 Q Do you understand the board has to approve 22 A There is -- there is no chance if you have no 23 for the mayor to sign a contract? 23 opportunity to bid on it or not even given the bid 24 A Yes. 24 requirements, you have -- there's no way that you can 95 97 1 Q Okay. And you understand the mayor can't 1 secure that going forward, past that expiration date. sign a contract without the board's approval, 2 Q I understand, but you also couldn't expect to 3 3 correct? receive that contract? 4 A Understood. 4 MR. LAROSE: He said that already. Asked 5 5 Q And the board approved the Village's contract and answered. with Tri-State in 2012, correct? 6 6 MS. BLAKE: He didn't answer me. 7 7 MR. LAROSE: Yes, he did. He said -- well, 8 8 Q This community cleanup occurred on May 5th, go ahead. Answer her again. 9 THE WITNESS: No, I didn't expect to. It's 9 2018, correct? 10 A From what it says on here, yes. 10 not a given. 11 Q Okay. So it did not occur in April of 2018 11 BY MS. BLAKE: 12 during the Riverdale school spring break, correct? 12 Q Okay. In any of your other municipalities, 13 13 does Tri-State have an exclusive contract for A That is correct. 14 Q In your other municipalities, how long have 14 collection at all facilities in the Village, similar 15 you worked in those municipalities? 15 to the contract Flood Brothers has now with 16 Have you ever worked in Thornton, 16 Riverdale? 17 Marionette Park or Robbins for more than 10 years? 17 A It's not all facilities. It's all apartment A I don't know the exact start dates on those. 18 18 buildings and residences. 19 19 Q Okay. I mean, I don't know --Q Okay. 20 20 A I know we are on a second term with Thornton A I'm just clarifying. Yeah, it's all 21 and Marionette Park, and we're working on renewals 21 residences. No, we do not. 22 with Robbins now. I would say close to 10 years. 22 Q Okay. 23 23 Q Okay. A Because in my personal opinion that hinders 24 competition and not to be able to give the resident 24 A As an estimate.



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Tri-State Disposal Inc Mail - 2018 Spring Clean Up



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2018 Spring Clean Up

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Mr. Russell,

Has the Village given any thought to when they would like to have the annual Spring Clean-Up Event? The event is held on a mutually agreed upon date sometime at the end of March or the beginning of April on a Saturday from the hours of 6 am to 12 pm. In the past, the Village had sent out notices to the residents a few weeks prior to the event making them aware of what they can put out for collection as well as the date and time of the event. Every year we run a garbage truck through each alley once, collecting bulk debris that the residents have accumulated over time. Residents are asked to have the material placed out for collection no later than 6 am on the morning of the event.

Sincerely,

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Good Afternoon Mayor.

Last week I had emailed Mr. Russell and Mr. Scharnhorst in regards to the Annual Spring Clean Up. I am contacting you today since I haven't heard back from either of them and we have a lot of residents contacting our office inquiring about the event. Usually, by this time every year, we have a date set for the event and as of now, we haven't heard from anyone at the Village in order to schedule a date for this. Currently, we have the following dates available; April 7th, April 14th, and April 21st. Can you please discuss this and have someone contact Kathy in our office to set this up. Please keep in mind that we will need a 10-day notice in order to properly staff for this event.

Have a great day.

Sincerely,

Jeff Germany

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Sat. May 5th, 2018 • 9AM - 1PM

Place items at regular trash pick-up location - Friday, May 4th after 6pm (furniture, clothing, bicycles, unwanted household items)
white goods - (refrigerators [doors must be removed] stoves, washers etc.)
TIRES, BATTERIES, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS OR HAZARDOUS WASTE (USED OIL, PAINT OR CHEMICALS) WILL NOT BE PICKED UP!

THE TRUCK WILL ONLY MAKE ONE TRIP

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